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My comments

Re: Review of the Southern Code of Practice : The Southern COP must be amended to include :

*Protections for the Gang gang cockatoo.

*Increased protections for the Diuris aequalis orchid.

*Independent ecological surveys prior to approval - in the Mount Rae forest case the lack of surveys, saw incorrect claims made regarding forest type and threatened species here. No one bothered to check with the depts own scientists who were conducting surveys for VCA's and were well aware of the rare forest types in this forest. Aerial mapping was incorrect for this area and cannot be relied upon. Areas must be ground truthed.

* Council, community input and local knowledge should be sought to ensure good outcomes, not ignored as is currently the case.

* Approvals should not be given to log native forests for such low end products as firewood or woodchips .

* A moratorium should be put in place on logging native forests as a result of the recent devastating bushfires to give many species, but most especially koalas, a chance to recover.

* All hollow bearing trees should be retained.

* Logging should not be allowed on land of over 20 degrees of slope.

If we have any hope at all of preserving the biodiversity and wildlife the above amendments must be made.
